

IN THE CLAIMS

1. – 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method for treating conditions and/or imbalances of the skin, skin appendages and/or overweight conditions in a cosmetic treatment of the human body, involving comprising the oral administration to said human body of a combination product comprising:

- a first composition (a) containing a green tea extract, vitamin C, and optionally at least one metallic compound selected from zinc, chromium and a mixture thereof, and
- a second composition (b) containing at least one metallic compound selected from iron, copper, zinc, chromium and a mixture thereof,

on the condition that zinc and iron are not simultaneously present in the same composition, said

~~wherein said metallic compounds of compositions (a) and (b) being~~ are advantageously in the form of salts or complexes, and said composition (a) and (b) being separately or consecutively administered to said human body.

~~for separate and consecutive administration.~~

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The method ~~for cosmetic treatment according to claim 9, wherein composition (a) contains at least one green tea extract, vitamin C, a zinc salt and a chromium salt, and composition (b) contains at least one iron salt and one copper salt.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The method ~~for cosmetic treatment according to claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of green tea extract of between 100 and 3000 mg, and advantageously between 200 and 2000 mg.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~for cosmetic treatment~~ claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of vitamin C of between 50 and 1000 mg, ~~and advantageously between 100 and 500 mg.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The method ~~for cosmetic treatment~~ according to claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of zinc of between 0 and 50 mg, and advantageously between 5 and 20 mg, and/or a daily dose of chromium of between 0 and 300 µg, ~~and advantageously between 20 and 100 µg.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The method ~~for cosmetic treatment~~ according to claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of iron of between 0 and 100 mg, ~~and advantageously between 5 and 50 mg,~~ and/or a daily dose of copper of between 0 and 20 mg, ~~and advantageously between 1 and 10 mg.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The method ~~for cosmetic treatment~~ according to claim 9, wherein composition (a) is administered in the first part of the day and composition (b) is administered in the second part of the day.

17. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of green tea extract of between 200 and 2000 mg.

18. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of vitamin C of between 100 and 500 mg.

19. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of zinc of between 5 and 20 mg, and/or a daily dose of chromium of between 20 and 100 µg.

20. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of iron of between 5 and 50 mg, and/or a daily dose of copper of between 1 and 10 mg.

21. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the green tea extract is present at a concentration of between 2 and 50 % by weight with respect to the total weight of composition (a).

22. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the vitamin C is present at a concentration of between 0.5 and 50 % by weight, with respect to the total weight of composition (a).

23. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the zinc is present at a concentration of between 0 and 3 % by weight, with respect to the total weight of composition (a) or composition (b) and/or the chromium is present at a concentration of between 0 and 1 % by weight, with respect to the total weight of composition (a) or composition (b).

24. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the iron is present at a concentration of between 0 and 10 % by weight, with respect to the total weight of composition (b) and/or the copper is present at a concentration of between 0 and 1 % by weight, with respect to the total weight of composition (b).

25. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein compositions (a) and (b) are in the form of capsules, gel caps, tablets, pellets, powders or drinkable solutions.